

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

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the auditorium was crowded until the rafters were used as seats, and for three hours the great audience laughed and applauded as State after State performed her stunt and each delegation shook the house with yells and songs.

In the very numbers present this conference should be an inspiration to our Southern Church. Six hundred and forty were registered, one hundred and thirty could not be accommodated for lack of room. North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia led in numbers, each having many more than a hundred present. The representation was more universal than ever before, delegates being present from New Jersey, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Florida and all synods within that circle. In spirit, too, this conference has never been surpassed. Earnestness and faithfulness were pre-eminent in all activities. The attendance on all meetings and classes was practically unanimous; many expressed a definite determination to volunteer for a life of Christian service. The common impression of the conference was that of a deep spiritual revival. As Dr. Glass said at the close, "Let us pray for a greater conference next year with adequate equipment for all who will come, but let us pray for the same spirit."

Miscellaneous

THE PARABLE OF THE THREE HUNTERS.

By Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D.,
President Columbia Theological Seminary.

Behold, three hunters went out to hunt. One was named Presbyterianus, one Baptizo, and the third Methodus. Methodus used a double-barreled shotgun, usually loaded with bird-shot. If it did not get what it went for, it fetched something else. He shot continuously on the hillside, in the valley, on the mountain top, by the river side, in the small settlements and retired coves—everywhere. The resounding report of his gun was heard all day. The result was that at evening he had a large stock of game of many different kinds, some choice and select and some less select, but the pile which he had secured was large.

Baptizo used an old army musket and had it loaded with anything that would shoot—old nails, slugs and rusty pieces of iron. He was a diligent and continuous shooter. He affected the water courses and was skillful in shooting fish of various kinds. And when evening came his pile of game was large; some choice and select and others less select; but there is no question of the fact that he had a great store of game, secured by the continuous shooting of his musket.

Presbyterianus was attired in the very latest model of hunting suit, indicating the purity of his ecclesiastical garments. He used a gun of the very finest design, but his desire was to have his gun in good fix. It spent a good part of its time in the repair shop, having its constitution amended and the latest improvements made to it. There was one little screw called Committee and another called Commission, which he spent much time in discussing whether to use the one or the other. When he shot his gun he brought down the game, but instead of shooting he spent a large portion of his time repairing the make and amending the Constitution of his hunting weapon. In the evening he

had a nice assortment of choice game, especially blue pheasants flecked with gold spots, but the size of his pile was insignificant as compared with that of Baptizo and of Methodus. The reason is evident—

"Whoso hath ears to hear, let him hear."

"THOUSANDS OF VILLAGES."

By Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D.

I fear our Southern Presbyterian Church has not waked up to the fact that our North Kiangsue Mission contains about one-half our total Foreign Mission responsibility or upwards of 16,000,000 or more people. In this territory, where we are practically the only missionary agency, there are tens of thousands of villages filled with friendly-faced men and women and children, not one of whom has ever heard the name of Christ.

I fear that the above facts, given as the result of my personal observation of the North Kiangsue field, have been taken with a grain of salt by some conservative friends. To all such, if there be any, I commend the following extract from a letter just received from Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, which gives a life-like picture of the actual state of things in that great mission field.

Dr. Graham writes:

"Outside the market towns the whole face of the landscape in this field is studded with villages of from twenty mouths to several hundred mouths. A Chinese, speaking of the number of people, usually uses the word mouth, as the mouth, being the thing to be filled, is the most marked characteristic of a person.

"Comparing this place with the Valley of Virginia, where I was born and 'raised,' I should say that for every separate farmhouse in that country there would be a dozen villages at least in this part of the country. The population is simply incredibly great. And we speak of working a section fairly well when we pass from one point where there are Christians to another such point and have to pass literally thousands of villages on each side or within a few miles of the road that we never touch.

"Work hard as we will, it is fairly heart-breaking to think of what we cannot do that is lying all around us waiting to be done. I suppose that burden is one of the things that break men down out here. I am hurrying through this work to get into another section which is under my charge, in which practically no work has been done except a hurried visit or two for years, if ever, simply because no one had time for it."

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE COMMITTEE.

The Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship met in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week and took important steps looking toward the Presbyterian Progressive Program campaign for the current year.

Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., Winston-Salem, N. C., was elected chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship; Rev. J. Layton Mauze, Huntington, W. Va., was made vice-chairman; Rev. M. E. Melvin was elected general secretary; Rev. William Fred Galbraith was chosen office secretary and treasurer, and Rev. E. D. Brownlee, Sanford, Fla., recording secretary.

The committee will conduct a conference at Montreat, N. C., July 25th-30th in the interest of the Presbyterian Progressive Program. The program will include a class in Christian Stewardship meeting each morning

and taught by Mr. Wade C. Smith, associate Stewardship secretary, with Dr. Ralph C. Cushman, New York City. The text book used will be "The New Christian," and a supply of books will be available at the book store, Montreat.

Inspirational addresses will be delivered each morning on one or more of the eight objectives; a Synodical Managers' Conference will be among the many important and practical features of the week. Rev. John McNeill, the noted Scotch preacher, will have charge of the Bible hour, speaking Sunday morning and night, July 25th, and every night throughout the week, save Wednesday night, when Rev. H. F. Williams, D. D., will present the Presbyterian Progressive Program with the use of a stereopticon. Detailed daily programs will be printed for information and guidance.

The Woman's Auxiliary in its relations to the Presbyterian Progressive Program will be presented Wednesday morning at a conference conducted by Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, superintendent. This and all other conferences will be open to every one, and we are sure will be helpful to this great cause.

The Assembly's committee will meet Wednesday afternoon, July 28th, when special committees appointed last week will make reports, and methods for advancing the campaign for the spiritual objectives and the financial goal of \$4,500,000 for benevolences and \$1,375,000 for additional equipment of the work at home and abroad will be thoroughly considered.

Identification blanks for securing reduced railroad rates for those desiring to attend this week's program will be cheerfully furnished upon application to this office, 413 Times Building, Chattanooga, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCE, JACKSON, KY., AUGUST 24TH TO 27TH.

By Rev. William T. McElroy.

Under the auspices of the Presbytery of West Lexington, a Sunday School Institute and Christian Workers' Conference for the Presbyterian Sunday school workers and mountain mission workers of the State of Kentucky will be held at Jackson, Ky., August 24th to 27th. The sessions of the conference will be held in the

auditorium of the Lees Collegiate Institute, and plans are being made for an attendance of more than five hundred of the Presbyterian religious workers of the State. At a similar conference held at the same place last year the enrolled delegates numbered about four hundred.

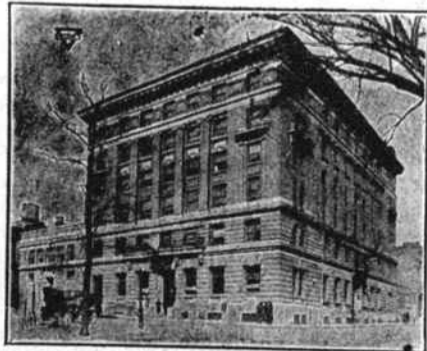
Among the speakers who have already been secured for the conference are Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions; Rev. Henry M. Sweets, D. D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., Superintendent of Young People's Work; Rev. William Cumming, D. D., evangelist of the Synod of Kentucky; Miss Carrie Lee Campbell, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. H. L. Cockerham, of Quicksand, Ky.; Rev. R. L. Telford, D. D., of Richmond, Ky.; Mr. C. M. Marshall, of Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Alfred D. Mason, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. Hugh L. Nevin and Mr. Olof Anderson, of Louisville, Ky., and many others.

Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, of Lexington, Superintendent of Home Missions for West Lexington Presbytery, who has had long experience in conducting conferences of this kind, will preside over the conference. The music will be conducted again this year by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Armstrong, who are connected with Dr. Thacker in his evangelistic work.

One day of the conference will be "Mountain Workers' Day," when there will be addresses on our mountain work by those now actively engaged in the work. In addition to the regular program there will be a round table conference on the subject. Many of the mission workers in our mountain churches, schools and missions will be present, both from our own Church and from the Northern Presbyterian Church. The whole day will be given to these workers to discuss problems and to answer questions about the work they are doing. Another day of the conference will be devoted to Sunday school work, and still another to woman's work and young people's work.

The program will be so arranged that the afternoons will be devoted to recreation. Trips to High Knob, one of the highest points in the county; the famous Pan Handle; Quicksand, where there is a lumber camp

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